

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude *Psalm-Sonata No. 1, I. Psalm 13, II. Psalm 91:1*

Brenda Portman

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

People: For God is our salvation.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

People: For God is great.

***Hymn #756** *O God of Every Nation*

***Silence**

***Prayer Of Opening**

Leader: Divine Goodness, Holy One, still our restless minds and quiet our souls. Bring us gently into an awareness of truth:

People: We recognize that acceptance of injustice produces worship that brings you no delight. We acknowledge that we are unfinished and incomplete, and that we need your grace to enable us to be in right relationship with you and with the whole of your creation. We long to sing your praises in a way that pleases you and to worship you in faithfulness.

***Assurance of Grace**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: To be in the presence of God is to be surrounded by grace and to be filled with joy.
Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable.)

***Response #587** *Alleluia*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

John 7:37-38

~ Children's Message ~

Second Scripture Reading

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Sermon

The Matter with Worship

HYMN #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1987)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Gloria Patri #581**

Glory Be to the Father

Prayers of the People

Prayer Song #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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Call to Offering

Offering

Offertory

John Ness Beck

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Psalm-Sonata No. 1, III. Psalm 98:4

Brenda Portman

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Sue Ingram; Organist and Music Director, David Stultz; The Sanctuary Choir

Calendar

Sunday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Crazy Faith Class
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15a.m. "Nicene Creed Today" Class
11:30 a.m. Family Lunch

Monday, November 10

6:30 p.m. C. E. Bible Study
Youth Lounge
6:30 p.m. Outreach & Mission Mtg

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day

1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Mtg

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 a.m.-4 :00 p.m.
Treasure Chest
6:30 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 13

10:00 a.m. P.W. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. "Starting Again" Mtg

Friday, November 14

11:00 a.m. Grief Share
6:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Crazy Faith Class
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15a.m. "Nicene Creed Today" Class
3:00 p.m. Music Medley Concert Series

The Nicene Creed Today: *How to Read Scripture in the Light of Christ*

Continues on November 9th & 16th

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea (325). The creed that resulted from the Council has defined orthodox Christian belief since the fourth century. But what is its significance today? This class will explore the controversies of this period as debates about how Christians should read Scripture. If our faith is in a crucified savior who frees us from sin and unites us with God, how should we understand the narrative arc of Scripture? What is the main story about? In particular, who is this God who both creates and redeems, and what does it mean to be in relationship with this God?

Family Lunch Today, November 9th @11:30.

Today's menu : Sauerkraut and kielbasa, Cheese & potato pierogis, and Pumpkin Crunch for dessert. Hope to see you there!



The Flowers in the chancel this morning are in honor of Rev. Don Wright's birthday. They are placed, with love, by his friends at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Happy Birthday Rev. Wright!



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Brave

It's getting cooler and dark - a good time to get out the knitting projects!! We are meeting at Jane Mykytenko's on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:30. Bring a project and some good stories!!

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